

1 **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

2 In the Matter of the Mortgage Broker License of:

Case No.: 10F-BD040-SBD

3 **WILLIAM J. HICKEY DBA FIRST WESTERN
FUNDING**

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

4 23032 N. Del La Guerra Court
5 Sun City West, AZ 85375

6 Respondent(s)

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8 On November 10, 2009, the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions ("Department") issued
9 an Order of Summary Suspension and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Order") in the above-
10 referenced matter. The Order summarily suspended Respondents' license due to their failure to
11 maintain the statutorily required surety bond and advised Respondents that they could request a hearing
12 within thirty (30) days of service of the Order to contest the allegations contained in the Order. The
13 Order further stated that if a timely request for a hearing was not received, the Superintendent of the
14 Department of Financial Institutions ("Superintendent") will enter the allegations in the Order as
15 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and will order the suspension of Respondents' license.

16 The Superintendent now makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and
17 enters the following Order.

18 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 19 1. The Order was mailed to Respondents at their last address of record.
- 20 2. Respondents did not request a hearing on the Order.
- 21 3. At all material times, Respondents were licensed as a mortgage broker #0908797 in the
22 State of Arizona. This license expires on January 31, 2010.
- 23 4. Respondent William J. Hickey DBA First Western Funding ("Mr. Hickey"), is a sole
24 proprietor authorized to transact business in Arizona as a mortgage broker within the meaning of A.R.S.
25 §§ 6-901, *et seq.* The nature of Mr. Hickey's business is that of making, negotiating, or offering to make
26 or negotiate loans secured by Arizona real property, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 6-901(11).

6. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-903(J), Respondents are required to have a surety bond in the amount set forth in A.R.S. § 6-903(K), or an alternative as set forth in A.R.S. § 6-903(M).

7. On August 5, 2009, the Department received a Notice of Cancellation of Bond from Hartford Fire Insurance Company stating that Respondent's bond, number 59BSBEF0017 in the amount of \$15,000.00, would be cancelled effective September 15, 2009.

8. On August 11, 2009, the Department sent a letter via certified mail to the Respondent, to the address on record with the Department, informing Respondent of the bond cancellation. The certified letter was received by William J. Hickey on August 12, 2009.

9. On September 28, 2009, the Department sent an email to the Respondent, to the email address on record with the Department, informing Respondent of the bond cancellation.

10. Respondents failed to provide documentation regarding the reinstatement of their bond or documentation of a new surety bond.

11. Respondents do not have the required surety bond in order to conduct business as a mortgage broker.

12. The conduct described above constitutes grounds for the suspension of Respondents' mortgage broker license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. Title 6 , Chapter 9, the Superintendent has the authority and duty to regulate all persons engaged in the mortgage broker business and with the enforcement of statutes, rules, and regulations relating to mortgage brokers.

2. By the conduct set forth in the Findings of Fact, Respondents have failed to maintain the surety bond required by A.R.S. § 6-903(J).

3. Respondents have not conducted business in accordance with the law and have violated Title 6, Chapter 9, which constitutes grounds for the suspension of Respondents' license pursuant to A.R.S. § 6-905(A)(3).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondents' license is immediately suspended unless and until reinstated or until said license expires by operation of law.

EFFECTIVE this 11th day of January, 2010.

Thomas L. Wood
Acting Superintendent of Financial Institutions

Robert A.

Robert D. Charlton
Assistant Superintendent of Financial Institutions

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
this 11th day of January, 2010:

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COPY of the foregoing mailed Certified,
Return Receipt this 11th day of January, 2010 to:

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